Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before we go to the next question, I wish to point out that generally when questions have already been answered, they used to state 'vide questions and answers, number such and such on such and such a day'.

Stoppage of kuries—moratorium.

180. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total number of signatories who have prayed for the stoppage of kuries and for moratorium, general and qualified ;

(b) what the Government have done in the matter;

(c) what they intend to do in the matter ;

(d) what other proposals do the Government entertain to minimise the miseries alluded to ;

(e) whether the Government think that a socialistic order of society will be an alternative solution of the public distress?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) About 3,000.

(b) and (c) Government are appointing a committee to consider the question of stopping kuries. As regards moratorium, they do not propose to take any action now.

(d) No further action is considered necessary at present.

(e) No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) The date when they received the first prayer?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) and (c). The date on which the committee to be appointed was published in the Gazette?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It was published in the last gazette.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The grounds the Government entertain against qnalified moratorium mentioned in a recent motion of mine in this House ?

President.—It is not a supplementary question to this. I do not think that arises from this question.

Grade of Sub-Magistrates.

181. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

1. what the present grade of Sub-Magistrate is ;

2. is it a fact that three of the Sub-Magistrates who are moreover in the towns of Trichur, Ernakulam and Cochin are besides their legitimate second class work burdened with the trial of first class cases ;

3. is any special allowance granted to these officers for their extra and more responsible work ;

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